

on line 6. delete "(?)"

on the last line. delete "Sole Figure".

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A low-pressure mercury vapor discharge lamp comprising:
- a discharge vessel (1) which is closed in a gastight manner and which encloses a discharge space (2), which discharge vessel has a wall (3) of glass containing alkali ions with an inner surface (4);
- a filling, which comprises an inert gas and mercury, in the discharge vessel (1),
- and
- means (5) for maintaining an electric discharge in the discharge vessel (1), the inner surface (4) of the discharge vessel (1) having a coating which counteracts transport of mercury from the filling to the wall (3) of the discharge vessel (1) and of alkali ions from the wall (3) of the discharge vessel (1) to the filling,
- characterized in that the inner surface (4) is coated with a film (6) which comprises at least a compound selected from the group formed by trifluorides and oxyfluorides of an at most trivalent element selected from lanthanides, lanthanum and scandium.